THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Sir, 259 Public Call Offices have been approved for installation in Rohini exchange durng 1991–92. Rohini exchange serves Rohini and West Enclave, Pitampura also. Of these, 143 PCOs have been installed so far.

(c) The remaining 116 PCOs which are pending due to technical reaosns are likely to be installed by 30th June 1992 progressively.

[*Translation*]

Convertion of Telephone Exchanges Into Electronics in Madhya Pradesh

6180. SHRI ARVIND NETAM. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning at present in Raipur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether all the telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges; and

(c) if not, the time by which the remainign exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 31.3.1992 there are 60 Telehpne Exchanges functioning in Raipur District.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Out of a total of 60 Telephoen Exchanges, 24 are non-electronic exchanges. An exchange is normally replaced when it becomes life expired. In addition, in the draft 8th Plan proposals of Department of Telecom, it is proposed to replace all manual exchanges by March, 1994 and replace small size electromechanical exchanges (MAX–III and line finder type MAX–II) by electronic exchanges by end of 8th Plan. Conversion to electornic exchanges will, therefore, occur progressively.

[*English*]

Electronic Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

6181. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide electronic exchanges in Andhra Pradesh,

(b) if so, the distnct-wise details and locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) All manual and small electromechanical exchanges in all Distncts are planned to be replaced by electronic exchanges progressively subject to the technical feasibility and availability of resources during 8th five year plan.

(ii) Other electro-mechanical exchanges are also planned to be replaced by electronic exchanges progressively on expiry of their useful life.

Thermal Power Project in Tamil Nadu

6182. SHRI C. SREENIVAASAN:
SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN:
DR. V. RAJESWARAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: